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SUBJECT: FOREIGN PARTICIPANT IN PRECAMBRIAN URANIUM
BORING CONGLOMERATES WORKSHOP OCTOBER
13-15/1975 - P. R. SIMPSON.

REF: STATE MESSAGE 224827 9/19/75

1. DUE TO A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE INSTRUCTIONS
CONTAINED IN REFERENCED MESSAGE PERTAINING TO THE
ISSUANCE OF A VISA, PROVIDING AIR TICKETS AND A TRAVEL
ADVANCE DR. P. R. SIMPSON DID NOT CONTACT THE EMBASSY
PRIOR TO HIS TRAVEL. CONSEQUENTLY, DR. SIMPSON OBTAINED
A VISA AND PAID HIS OWN TRAVEL EXPENSES. AIR TICKETS
WERE PROVIDED BY DR. SIMPSON'S EMPLOYERS, THE INSTITUTE
OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND TRAVEL WAS PERFORMED ON A
FOREIGN FLAG AIRLINE.

2. REIMBURSEMENT OF PER DIEM AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES
CLAIMED BY DR. SIMPSON ARE NOW IN PROCESS. THE CLAIM
BY THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES FOR THE COST
OF THE AIR TICKET, HOWEVER, WOULD APPEAR TO CONTRAVENE
THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE
PRACTICES ACT OF 1974 (P.L.93-623) WHICH ESTABLISHES
REQUIREMENT THAT ALL GOVERNMENT-FINANCED AIR TRAVEL BE
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PERFORMED ON AMERICAN-FLAG CARRIERS WHERE SUCH SERVICE

IS AVAILABLE.

3. OBVIOUSLY, THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES WOULD HAVE NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THIS ACT. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE EMBASSY DID NOT CONTACT DR. SIMPSON PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE U.K. THERE WAS NO WAY FOR DR. SIMPSON TO KNOW OF THE REQUIREMENT TO TRAVEL BY U.S. CARRIER.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR IS REQUESTED TO ENDEAVOUR TO OBTAIN AN EXCEPTION TO THE ACT WHICH WILL ALLOW THE EMBASSY TO REIMBURSE THE INSTITUTE THE SUM OF POUNDS 353.95 (\$732.32) FOR TICKETS PURCHASED.

5. DR. SIMPSON HAS REQUESTED THAT DR. HARLEY BARNES BE INFORMED OF THIS SITUATION.

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